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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: August 2, 2001

Sir:

This paper is filed in reply to the outstanding Office Action dated May 2, 2001, in connection with the above-identified patent application. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments without prejudice.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 15-20, and add new claims 21-27 as follows:

21. A method for identifying and isolating new proteasome inhibitors
comprising:
obtaining eukaryotic cells;

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